view the fact that no foreign exchange is being spent on the production of export-oriented goods the Government should clarify as to whether it intends to provide special grants to promote rural export-oriented goods.

[*English*]

PROF. P.J. KURIEN: I am sorry it is not so. In fact, the whole Industrial Policy of the Government is aimed at promoting and encouraging export-oriented industries. I can quote a number of cases from the Policy itself. We are trying to improve our export potential by improving the quality, technological upgradation and by giving all encouragement to export promotion industries.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Would the honorable Minister be pleased to state the areas which are imbalanced from industrial development point of view. Would the Government conduct any survey to identify the areas where industries can flourish if Government takes initiatives for establishing industries there? Would the Government try to establish industries on the basis of such a survey under the new policy?

[*English*]

PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Yes, Sir. The Government is already having a list of the backward areas in the country. And the Government is trying, whatever is possible to attract the industries in those areas. We have a Growth Centre Scheme through which we are trying to provide the infrastructure in the backward areas.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Jodhpur Lift Canal Project

*106. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a water supply scheme of Jodhpur lift Canal from Indira Gandhi Canal was sanctioned by the Central Public Health and Engineering Organisation in 1989;

(b) if so, the amount made available for this project during 1991-92 from the sources of Ministry of Defence, Life Insurance Corporation/State Plan (Urban and Rural);

(c) whether the Life Insurance Corporation has given its share for this project; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Rajasthan had planned to make Rs. 25.52 crores available for this project during the year 1991-92 from the following sources:-

(Rs. crores)

		Original Allocation	*Provision made so far*
i)	Defence Loan	4.00	4.00
ii)	State Plan : Urban	9.50	12.00

(Rs. crores)

		Original Allocation	*Provision made so far*
	Rural	2.02	2.02
iii)	LIC Loan (anticipated)	10.00	
	Total:	25.52	18.02

(c) The LIC has sanctioned a loan of Rs.23.69 crores in June, 1989 for the project outside plan allocation at the then prevailing commercial rate of interest of 14%. The interest rate on such schemes has now been enhanced to 18% per annum.

Rajasthan Water Supply and Severage Corporation has not so far complied with the requirements for lifting any instalment of LIC loan for the project.

(d) The Government of Rajasthan has not yet sent any request for release of first instalment of LIC loan due to high rate of interest. Matter of availing the already sanctioned LIC loan outside plan allocation at commercial rate of interest is under consideration of the State Government.

[*Translation*]

Small Scale Industries in Madhya Pradesh

*109. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small scale industries set up in Madhya Pradesh during 1991-92;

(b) whether this number is low as compared to the previous two years; if so, to what extent; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to set up more small scale industries in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). As per information furnished by Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, the number of registered small scale units set up in Madhya Pradesh during the period April, 1991 to January, 1992 was 18,048. This is higher than the number of registered small scale units set up during the corresponding periods of 1989-90 and 1990-91.

(c) the policy measures for promoting and strengthening small, tiny and village enterprises in the country including Madhya Pradesh were laid in Parliament on 6th August, 1991.

[*English*]

Project Reports of Growth Centres

*113. SHRI ANNA JOSHI :
PROF. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have sent project reports of growth centres to the Union Government;